



United States Mint Announces 2013 America the Beautiful Quarters® Program Coin Designs

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WASHINGTON — The United States Mint today announced the five new reverse (tails side) designs that will appear on the 2013 coins released in the America the Beautiful Quarters Program. The coin designs pay homage to White Mountain National Forest (New Hampshire), Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial (Ohio), Great Basin National Park (Nevada), Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine (Maryland), and Mount Rushmore National Memorial (South Dakota).

White Mountain National Forest

The reverse design depicts Mt. Chocorua, the easternmost peak of the Sandwich Range, framed by birch trees. It is an iconic view of the White Mountain National Forest system lands. Inscriptions are *WHITE MOUNTAIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 2013*, and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*. The reverse was designed and executed by United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver Phebe Hemphill.

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial

The reverse design depicts the statue of Master Commandant Oliver Hazard Perry with the Peace Memorial located in the distance. The memorial is one of the tallest of its kind in the U.S. Inscriptions are *PERRY'S VICTORY, OHIO, 2013*, and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*. The reverse was designed and executed by United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver Don Everhart.

Great Basin National Park

The reverse design depicts the beauty and unique qualities of a single Bristlecone Pine tree and the rocky glacial moraines where the trees grow. These trees grow at higher elevation in the park and are some of the world's oldest. The park contains numerous Bristlecone Pine groves with trees older than 4,000 years. Inscriptions are *GREAT BASIN, NEVADA, 2013*, and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*. The reverse was designed by United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program Associate Designer Ronald D. Sanders and executed by United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver Renata Gordon.

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

The reverse design represents the site during the “Defenders Day” celebration, considered the centerpiece annual event held at Fort McHenry. The fireworks symbolize the “rocket's red glare,” linking the fort to its historic past. Inscriptions are *FORT McHENRY, MARYLAND, 2013*, and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*. The reverse was designed and executed by United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver Joseph Menna.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial

The reverse design was inspired by photos of men who are adding the final details to Thomas Jefferson's face. Mount Rushmore was featured on three 1991 Mount Rushmore Golden Anniversary Commemorative Coins and on the 2006 South Dakota quarter issued under the 50 State Quarters Program. This new design is distinctly different and offers a unique and educational perspective on how Mount Rushmore was created and sculpted. Inscriptions are *MOUNT RUSHMORE, SOUTH DAKOTA, 2013*, and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*. The reverse was designed and executed by United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver Joseph Menna.

Coins in the America the Beautiful Quarters Program have a common obverse (heads side) design that features John Flanagan's 1932 portrait of George Washington that was restored to bring out the subtle details and beauty of the original model. Inscriptions on the obverse are *UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST*, and *QUARTER DOLLAR*.

The multi-year United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Program is authorized by the America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008 (Act) (Public Law 110–456). The Act directs the bureau to mint and issue 56 circulating quarter-dollar coins with reverse designs emblematic of a national park or other national site in each state, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories – Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The quarters are being released in the order in which the featured sites were first established as national parks or sites. The designs will rotate five times each year through 2020, with the final coin being released in 2021.

The United States Mint was created by Congress in 1792. This year marks the bureau’s 220th anniversary. The United States Mint is the Nation’s sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces numismatic products, including proof, uncirculated and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver and gold bullion coins. The United States Mint’s numismatic programs are self-sustaining and operate at no cost to the taxpayer.

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